

**READING****READING PASSAGE 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–13**, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

## Crop-growing skyscrapers

By the year 2050, nearly 80% of the Earth's population will live in urban centres. Applying the most conservative estimates to current demographic trends, the human population will increase by about three billion people by then. An estimated  $10^9$  hectares of new land (about 20% larger than Brazil) will be needed to grow enough food to feed them, if traditional farming methods continue as they are practised today. At present, throughout the world, over 80% of the land that is suitable for raising crops is in use. Historically, some 15% of that has been laid waste by poor management practices. What can be done to ensure enough food for the world's population to live on?

The concept of indoor farming is not new, since hothouse production of tomatoes and other produce has been in vogue for some time. What is new is the urgent need to scale up this technology to accommodate another three billion people. Many believe an entirely new approach to indoor farming is required, employing cutting-edge technologies. One such proposal is for the 'Vertical Farm'. The concept is of multi-storey

buildings in which food crops are grown in environmentally controlled conditions. Situated in the heart of urban centres, they would drastically reduce the amount of transportation required to bring food to consumers. Vertical farms would need to be efficient, cheap to construct and safe to operate. If successfully implemented, proponents claim, vertical farms offer the promise of urban renewal, sustainable production of a safe and varied food supply (through year-round production of all crops), and the eventual repair of ecosystems that have been sacrificed for horizontal farming.

It took humans 10,000 years to learn how to grow most of the crops we now take for granted. Along the way, we despoiled most of the land we worked, often turning verdant, natural ecozones into semi-arid deserts. Within that same time frame, we evolved into an urban species, in which 60% of the human population now lives vertically in cities. This means that, for the majority, we humans have shelter from the elements, yet we subject our food-

bearing plants to the rigours of the great outdoors and can do no more than hope for a good weather year. However, more often than not now, due to a rapidly changing climate, that is not what happens. Massive floods, long droughts, hurricanes and severe monsoons take their toll each year, destroying millions of tons of valuable crops.

The supporters of vertical farming claim many potential advantages for the system. For instance, crops would be produced all year round, as they would be kept in artificially controlled, optimum growing conditions. There would be no weather-related crop failures due to droughts, floods or pests. All the food could be grown organically, eliminating the need for herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers. The system would greatly reduce the incidence of many infectious diseases that are acquired at the agricultural interface. Although the system would consume energy, it would return energy to the grid via methane generation from composting non-edible parts of plants. It would also dramatically reduce fossil fuel use, by cutting out the need for tractors, ploughs and shipping.

A major drawback of vertical farming, however, is that the plants would require artificial light. Without it, those plants nearest the windows would be exposed to more sunlight and grow more quickly, reducing

the efficiency of the system. Single-storey greenhouses have the benefit of natural overhead light: even so, many still need artificial lighting. A multi-storey facility with no natural overhead light would require far more. Generating enough light could be prohibitively expensive, unless cheap, renewable energy is available, and this appears to be rather a future aspiration than a likelihood for the near future.

One variation on vertical farming that has been developed is to grow plants in stacked trays that move on rails. Moving the trays allows the plants to get enough sunlight. This system is already in operation, and works well within a single-storey greenhouse with light reaching it from above: it is not certain, however, that it can be made to work without that overhead natural light.

Vertical farming is an attempt to address the undoubted problems that we face in producing enough food for a growing population. At the moment, though, more needs to be done to reduce the detrimental impact it would have on the environment, particularly as regards the use of energy. While it is possible that much of our food will be grown in skyscrapers in future, most experts currently believe it is far more likely that we will simply use the space available on urban rooftops.



## Questions 1–7

Complete the sentences below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet.

### Indoor farming

- 1 Some food plants, including ..... , are already grown indoors.
- 2 Vertical farms would be located in ..... , meaning that there would be less need to take them long distances to customers.
- 3 Vertical farms could use methane from plants and animals to produce .....
- 4 The consumption of ..... would be cut because agricultural vehicles would be unnecessary.
- 5 The fact that vertical farms would need ..... light is a disadvantage.
- 6 One form of vertical farming involves planting in ..... which are not fixed.
- 7 The most probable development is that food will be grown on ..... in towns and cities.

## Questions 8–13

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 8–13 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 8 Methods for predicting the Earth's population have recently changed.
- 9 Human beings are responsible for some of the destruction to food-producing land.
- 10 The crops produced in vertical farms will depend on the season.
- 11 Some damage to food crops is caused by climate change.
- 12 Fertilisers will be needed for certain crops in vertical farms.
- 13 Vertical farming will make plants less likely to be affected by infectious diseases.

**READING PASSAGE 2**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14–26**, which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.

## THE FALKIRK WHEEL

### *A unique engineering achievement*

The Falkirk Wheel in Scotland is the world's first and only rotating boat lift. Opened in 2002, it is central to the ambitious £84.5m Millennium Link project to restore navigability across Scotland by reconnecting the historic waterways of the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals.

The major challenge of the project lay in the fact that the Forth & Clyde Canal is situated 35 metres below the level of the Union Canal. Historically, the two canals had been joined near the town of Falkirk by a sequence of 11 locks – enclosed sections of canal in which the water level could be raised or lowered – that stepped down across a distance of 1.5 km. This had been dismantled in 1933, thereby breaking the link. When the project was launched in 1994, the British Waterways authority were keen to create a dramatic twenty-first-century landmark which would not only be a fitting commemoration of the Millennium, but also a lasting symbol of the economic regeneration of the region.

Numerous ideas were submitted for the project, including concepts ranging from rolling eggs to tilting tanks, from giant see-saws to overhead monorails. The eventual winner was a plan for the huge rotating steel boat lift which was to become The Falkirk Wheel. The unique shape of the structure is claimed to have been inspired by various sources, both manmade and natural, most notably a Celtic double-

headed axe, but also the vast turning propeller of a ship, the ribcage of a whale or the spine of a fish.

The various parts of The Falkirk Wheel were all constructed and assembled, like one giant toy building set, at Butterley Engineering's Steelworks in Derbyshire, some 400 km from Falkirk. A team there carefully assembled the 1,200 tonnes of steel, painstakingly fitting the pieces together to an accuracy of just 10 mm to ensure a perfect final fit. In the summer of 2001, the structure was then dismantled and transported on 35 lorries to Falkirk, before all being bolted back together again on the ground, and finally lifted into position in five large sections by crane. The Wheel would need to withstand immense and constantly changing stresses as it rotated, so to make the structure more robust, the steel sections were bolted rather than welded together. Over 45,000 bolt holes were matched with their bolts, and each bolt was hand-tightened.

The Wheel consists of two sets of opposing axe-shaped arms, attached about 25 metres apart to a fixed central spine. Two diametrically opposed water-filled 'gondolas', each with a capacity of 360,000 litres, are fitted between the ends of the arms. These gondolas always weigh the same, whether or not they are carrying boats. This is because, according to Archimedes' principle of displacement,





floating objects displace their own weight in water. So when a boat enters a gondola, the amount of water leaving the gondola weighs exactly the same as the boat. This keeps the Wheel balanced and so, despite its enormous mass, it rotates through 180° in five and a half minutes while using very little power. It takes just 1.5 kilowatt-hours (5.4 MJ) of energy to rotate the Wheel – roughly the same as boiling eight small domestic kettles of water.

Boats needing to be lifted up enter the canal basin at the level of the Forth & Clyde Canal and then enter the lower gondola of the Wheel. Two hydraulic steel gates are raised, so as to seal the gondola off from the water in the canal basin. The water between the gates is then pumped out. A hydraulic clamp, which prevents the arms of the Wheel moving while the gondola is docked, is removed, allowing the Wheel to turn. In the central machine room an array of ten hydraulic motors then begins to rotate the central axle. The axle connects to the outer arms of the

Wheel, which begin to rotate at a speed of 1/8 of a revolution per minute. As the wheel rotates, the gondolas are kept in the upright position by a simple gearing system. Two eight-metre-wide cogs orbit a fixed inner cog of the same width, connected by two smaller cogs travelling in the opposite direction to the outer cogs – so ensuring that the gondolas always remain level. When the gondola reaches the top, the boat passes straight onto the aqueduct situated 24 metres above the canal basin.

The remaining 11 metres of lift needed to reach the Union Canal is achieved by means of a pair of locks. The Wheel could not be constructed to elevate boats over the full 35-metre difference between the two canals, owing to the presence of the historically important Antonine Wall, which was built by the Romans in the second century AD. Boats travel under this wall via a tunnel, then through the locks, and finally on to the Union Canal.

## Questions 14–19

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 2?

In boxes 14–19 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 14 The Falkirk Wheel has linked the Forth & Clyde Canal with the Union Canal for the first time in their history.
- 15 There was some opposition to the design of the Falkirk Wheel at first.
- 16 The Falkirk Wheel was initially put together at the location where its components were manufactured.
- 17 The Falkirk Wheel is the only boat lift in the world which has steel sections bolted together by hand.
- 18 The weight of the gondolas varies according to the size of boat being carried.
- 19 The construction of the Falkirk Wheel site took into account the presence of a nearby ancient monument.



## Questions 20–26

Label the diagram below.

Choose **ONE WORD** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 20–26 on your answer sheet.

### How a boat is lifted on the Falkirk Wheel

A pair of **20** ..... are lifted in order to shut out water from canal basin

A **21** ..... is taken out, enabling Wheel to rotate

**26** .....  
raise boat 11 m  
to level of Union  
Canal

Hydraulic motors drive **22** .....

Boat travels  
through tunnel  
beneath Roman  
**25** .....

Boat is raised,  
floating in one  
of Wheel's two  
gondolas

Boat reaches top Wheel, then  
moves directly onto **24** .....

A range of different-sized **23** .....  
ensures boat keeps upright

## READING PASSAGE 3

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27–40**, which are based on Reading Passage 3 below.

### Reducing the Effects of Climate Change

*Mark Rowe reports on the increasingly ambitious geo-engineering projects being explored by scientists*

- A** Such is our dependence on fossil fuels, and such is the volume of carbon dioxide already released into the atmosphere, that many experts agree that significant global warming is now inevitable. They believe that the best we can do is keep it at a reasonable level, and at present the only serious option for doing this is cutting back on our carbon emissions. But while a few countries are making major strides in this regard, the majority are having great difficulty even stemming the rate of increase, let alone reversing it. Consequently, an increasing number of scientists are beginning to explore the alternative of geo-engineering – a term which generally refers to the intentional large-scale manipulation of the environment. According to its proponents, geo-engineering is the equivalent of a backup generator: if Plan A – reducing our dependency on fossil fuels – fails, we require a Plan B, employing grand schemes to slow down or reverse the process of global warming.
- B** Geo-engineering has been shown to work, at least on a small localised scale. For decades, May Day parades in Moscow have taken place under clear blue skies, aircraft having deposited dry ice, silver iodide and cement powder to disperse clouds. Many of the schemes now suggested look to do the opposite, and reduce the amount of sunlight reaching the planet. The most eye-catching idea of all is suggested by Professor Roger Angel of the University of Arizona. His scheme would employ up to 16 trillion minute spacecraft, each weighing about one gram, to form a transparent, sunlight-refracting sunshade in an orbit 1.5 million km above the Earth. This could, argues Angel, reduce the amount of light reaching the Earth by two per cent.
- C** The majority of geo-engineering projects so far carried out – which include planting forests in deserts and depositing iron in the ocean to stimulate the growth of algae – have focused on achieving a general cooling of the Earth. But some look specifically at reversing the melting at the poles, particularly the Arctic. The reasoning is that if you replenish the ice sheets and frozen waters of the high latitudes, more light will be reflected back into space, so reducing the warming of the oceans and atmosphere.
- D** The concept of releasing aerosol sprays into the stratosphere above the Arctic has been proposed by several scientists. This would involve using sulphur or hydrogen sulphide aerosols so that sulphur dioxide would form clouds, which would, in turn, lead to a global dimming. The idea is modelled on historic volcanic explosions, such as that of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991, which led to a short-term cooling of global temperatures by 0.5 °C. Scientists have also scrutinised whether it's possible to preserve the ice sheets of Greenland with reinforced high-tension cables, preventing icebergs from moving into the sea. Meanwhile in the Russian Arctic, geo-engineering plans include the planting of millions of birch trees. Whereas the region's native evergreen pines shade the snow and absorb radiation, birches would shed their

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leaves in winter, thus enabling radiation to be reflected by the snow. Re-routing Russian rivers to increase cold water flow to ice-forming areas could also be used to slow down warming, say some climate scientists.

- E** But will such schemes ever be implemented? Generally speaking, those who are most cautious about geo-engineering are the scientists involved in the research. Angel says that his plan is 'no substitute for developing renewable energy: the only permanent solution'. And Dr Phil Rasch of the US-based Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is equally guarded about the role of geo-engineering: 'I think all of us agree that if we were to end geo-engineering on a given day, then the planet would return to its pre-engineered condition very rapidly, and probably within ten to twenty years. That's certainly something to worry about.'
- F** The US National Center for Atmospheric Research has already suggested that the proposal to inject sulphur into the atmosphere might affect rainfall patterns across the tropics and the Southern Ocean. 'Geo-engineering plans to inject stratospheric aerosols or to seed clouds would act to cool the planet, and act to increase the extent of sea ice,' says Rasch. 'But all the models suggest some impact on the distribution of precipitation.'
- G** 'A further risk with geo-engineering projects is that you can "overshoot",' says Dr Dan Lunt, from the University of Bristol's School of Geophysical Sciences, who has studied the likely impacts of the sunshade and aerosol schemes on the climate. 'You may bring global temperatures back to pre-industrial levels, but the risk is that the poles will still be warmer than they should be and the tropics will be cooler than before industrialisation.' To avoid such a scenario, Lunt says Angel's project would have to operate at half strength; all of which reinforces his view that the best option is to avoid the need for geo-engineering altogether.
- H** The main reason why geo-engineering is supported by many in the scientific community is that most researchers have little faith in the ability of politicians to agree – and then bring in – the necessary carbon cuts. Even leading conservation organisations see the value of investigating the potential of geo-engineering. According to Dr Martin Sommerkorn, climate change advisor for the World Wildlife Fund's International Arctic Programme, 'Human-induced climate change has brought humanity to a position where we shouldn't exclude thinking thoroughly about this topic and its possibilities.'

Questions 27–29

Reading Passage 3 has eight paragraphs **A–H**.

Which paragraph contains the following information?

*Write the correct letter, **A–H**, in boxes 27–29 on your answer sheet.*

- 27** mention of a geo-engineering project based on an earlier natural phenomenon
- 28** an example of a successful use of geo-engineering
- 29** a common definition of geo-engineering



Questions 30–36

Complete the table below.

Choose **ONE WORD** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 30–36 on your answer sheet.

### GEO-ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Procedure	Aim
put a large number of tiny spacecraft into orbit far above Earth	to create a <b>30</b> ..... that would reduce the amount of light reaching Earth
place <b>31</b> ..... in the sea	to encourage <b>32</b> ..... to form
release aerosol sprays into the stratosphere	to create <b>33</b> ..... that would reduce the amount of light reaching Earth
fix strong <b>34</b> ..... to Greenland ice sheets	to prevent icebergs moving into the sea
plant trees in Russian Arctic that would lose their leaves in winter	to allow the <b>35</b> ..... to reflect radiation
change the direction of <b>36</b> .....	to bring more cold water into ice-forming areas

Questions 37–40

Look at the following statements (Questions 37–40) and the list of scientists below.

Match each statement with the correct scientist, **A–D**.

Write the correct letter, **A–D**, in boxes 37–40 on your answer sheet.

- 37 The effects of geo-engineering may not be long-lasting.
- 38 Geo-engineering is a topic worth exploring.
- 39 It may be necessary to limit the effectiveness of geo-engineering projects.
- 40 Research into non-fossil-based fuels cannot be replaced by geo-engineering.

**List of Scientists**

- A** Roger Angel
- B** Phil Rasch
- C** Dan Lunt
- D** Martin Sommerkorn



**WRITING****WRITING TASK 1**

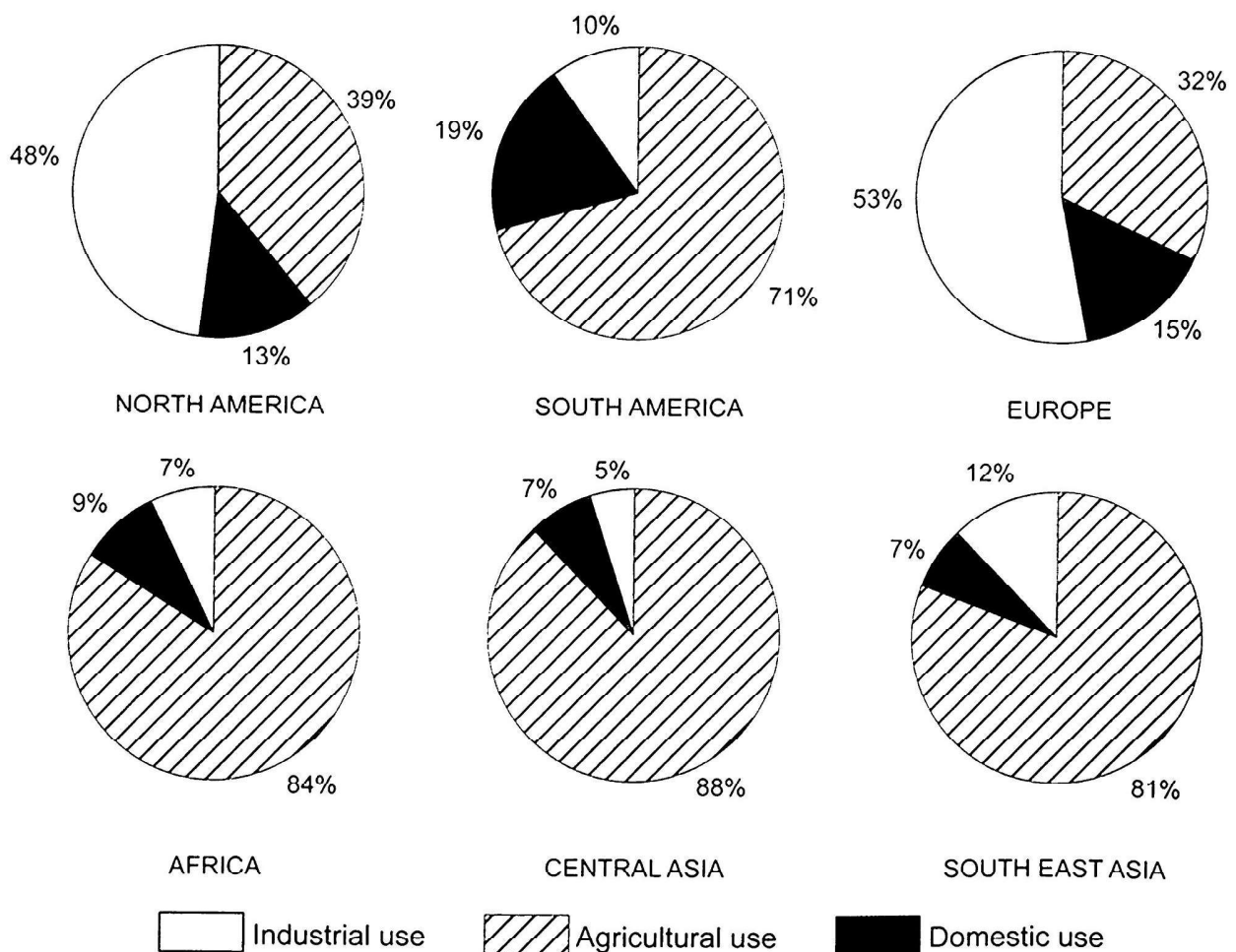
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The charts below show the percentage of water used for different purposes in six areas of the world.*

*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

### Percentage of water used for different purposes in six areas of the world



## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***Governments should spend money on railways rather than roads.***

***To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?***

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

**SPEAKING****PART 1**

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

**EXAMPLE****Food and cooking**

- What sorts of food do you like eating most? [Why?]
- Who normally does the cooking in your home? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you watch cookery programmes on TV? [Why/Why not?]
- In general, do you prefer eating out or eating at home? [Why?]

**PART 2**

**Describe a house/apartment that someone you know lives in.**

**You should say:**

**whose house/apartment this is  
where the house/apartment is  
what it looks like inside  
and explain what you like or dislike  
about this person's house/apartment.**

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.

You have one minute to think about what you are going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**PART 3****Discussion topics:****Different types of home**

*Example questions:*

What kinds of home are most popular in your country? Why is this?

What do you think are the advantages of living in a house rather than an apartment?

Do you think that everyone would like to live in a larger home? Why is that?

**Finding a place to live**

*Example questions:*

How easy is it to find a place to live in your country?

Do you think it's better to rent or to buy a place to live in? Why?

Do you agree that there is a right age for young adults to stop living with their parents? Why is that?



## Test 2

### LISTENING

#### SECTION 1 Questions 1–10

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

#### Enquiry about joining Youth Council

*Example*

Name: Roger.....Brown.....

Age: 18

Currently staying in a 1 ..... during the week

Postal address: 2 17, ..... Street, Stamford, Lincs

Postcode: 3 .....

Occupation: student and part-time job as a 4 .....

Studying 5 ..... (major subject) and history (minor subject)

Hobbies: does a lot of 6 ..... , and is interested in the

7 .....

**READING****READING PASSAGE 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–13**, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

**Raising the *Mary Rose***

How a sixteenth-century warship was recovered from the seabed

On 19 July 1545, English and French fleets were engaged in a sea battle off the coast of southern England in the area of water called the Solent, between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Among the English vessels was a warship by the name of *Mary Rose*. Built in Portsmouth some 35 years earlier, she had had a long and successful fighting career, and was a favourite of King Henry VIII. Accounts of what happened to the ship vary: while witnesses agree that she was not hit by the French, some maintain that she was outdated, overladen and sailing too low in the water, others that she was mishandled by undisciplined crew. What is undisputed, however, is that the *Mary Rose* sank into the Solent that day, taking at least 500 men with her. After the battle, attempts were made to recover the ship, but these failed.

The *Mary Rose* came to rest on the seabed, lying on her starboard (right) side at an angle of approximately 60 degrees. The hull (the body of the ship) acted as a trap for the sand and mud carried by Solent currents. As a result, the starboard side filled rapidly, leaving the exposed port (left) side to be eroded by marine organisms and mechanical degradation. Because of the way the ship sank, nearly

all of the starboard half survived intact. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the entire site became covered with a layer of hard grey clay, which minimised further erosion.

Then, on 16 June 1836, some fishermen in the Solent found that their equipment was caught on an underwater obstruction, which turned out to be the *Mary Rose*. Diver John Deane happened to be exploring another sunken ship nearby, and the fishermen approached him, asking him to free their gear. Deane dived down, and found the equipment caught on a timber protruding slightly from the seabed. Exploring further, he uncovered several other timbers and a bronze gun. Deane continued diving on the site intermittently until 1840, recovering several more guns, two bows, various timbers, part of a pump and various other small finds.

The *Mary Rose* then faded into obscurity for another hundred years. But in 1965, military historian and amateur diver Alexander McKee, in conjunction with the British Sub-Aqua Club, initiated a project called 'Solent Ships'. While on paper this was a plan to examine a number of known wrecks in the Solent, what McKee

really hoped for was to find the *Mary Rose*. Ordinary search techniques proved unsatisfactory, so McKee entered into collaboration with Harold E. Edgerton, professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1967, Edgerton's side-scan sonar systems revealed a large, unusually shaped object, which McKee believed was the *Mary Rose*.

Further excavations revealed stray pieces of timber and an iron gun. But the climax to the operation came when, on 5 May 1971, part of the ship's frame was uncovered. McKee and his team now knew for certain that they had found the wreck, but were as yet unaware that it also housed a treasure trove of beautifully preserved artefacts. Interest in the project grew, and in 1979, The *Mary Rose* Trust was formed, with Prince Charles as its President and Dr Margaret Rule its Archaeological Director. The decision whether or not to salvage the wreck was not an easy one, although an excavation in 1978 had shown that it might be possible to raise the hull. While the original aim was to raise the hull if at all feasible, the operation was not given the go-ahead until January 1982, when all the necessary information was available.

An important factor in trying to salvage the *Mary Rose* was that the remaining

hull was an open shell. This led to an important decision being taken: namely to carry out the lifting operation in three very distinct stages. The hull was attached to a lifting frame via a network of bolts and lifting wires. The problem of the hull being sucked back downwards into the mud was overcome by using 12 hydraulic jacks. These raised it a few centimetres over a period of several days, as the lifting frame rose slowly up its four legs. It was only when the hull was hanging freely from the lifting frame, clear of the seabed and the suction effect of the surrounding mud, that the salvage operation progressed to the second stage. In this stage, the lifting frame was fixed to a hook attached to a crane, and the hull was lifted completely clear of the seabed and transferred underwater into the lifting cradle. This required precise positioning to locate the legs into the 'stabbing guides' of the lifting cradle. The lifting cradle was designed to fit the hull using archaeological survey drawings, and was fitted with air bags to provide additional cushioning for the hull's delicate timber framework. The third and final stage was to lift the entire structure into the air, by which time the hull was also supported from below. Finally, on 11 October 1982, millions of people around the world held their breath as the timber skeleton of the *Mary Rose* was lifted clear of the water, ready to be returned home to Portsmouth.



## Questions 1–4

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 1–4 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 1 There is some doubt about what caused the *Mary Rose* to sink.
- 2 The *Mary Rose* was the only ship to sink in the battle of 19 July 1545.
- 3 Most of one side of the *Mary Rose* lay undamaged under the sea.
- 4 Alexander McKee knew that the wreck would contain many valuable historical objects.

## Questions 5–8

Look at the following statements (Questions 5–8) and the list of dates below.

Match each statement with the correct date, **A–G**.

Write the correct letter, **A–G**, in boxes 5–8 on your answer sheet.

- 5 A search for the *Mary Rose* was launched.
- 6 One person's exploration of the *Mary Rose* site stopped.
- 7 It was agreed that the hull of the *Mary Rose* should be raised.
- 8 The site of the *Mary Rose* was found by chance.

**List of Dates**

<b>A</b>	1836	<b>E</b>	1971
<b>B</b>	1840	<b>F</b>	1979
<b>C</b>	1965	<b>G</b>	1982
<b>D</b>	1967		

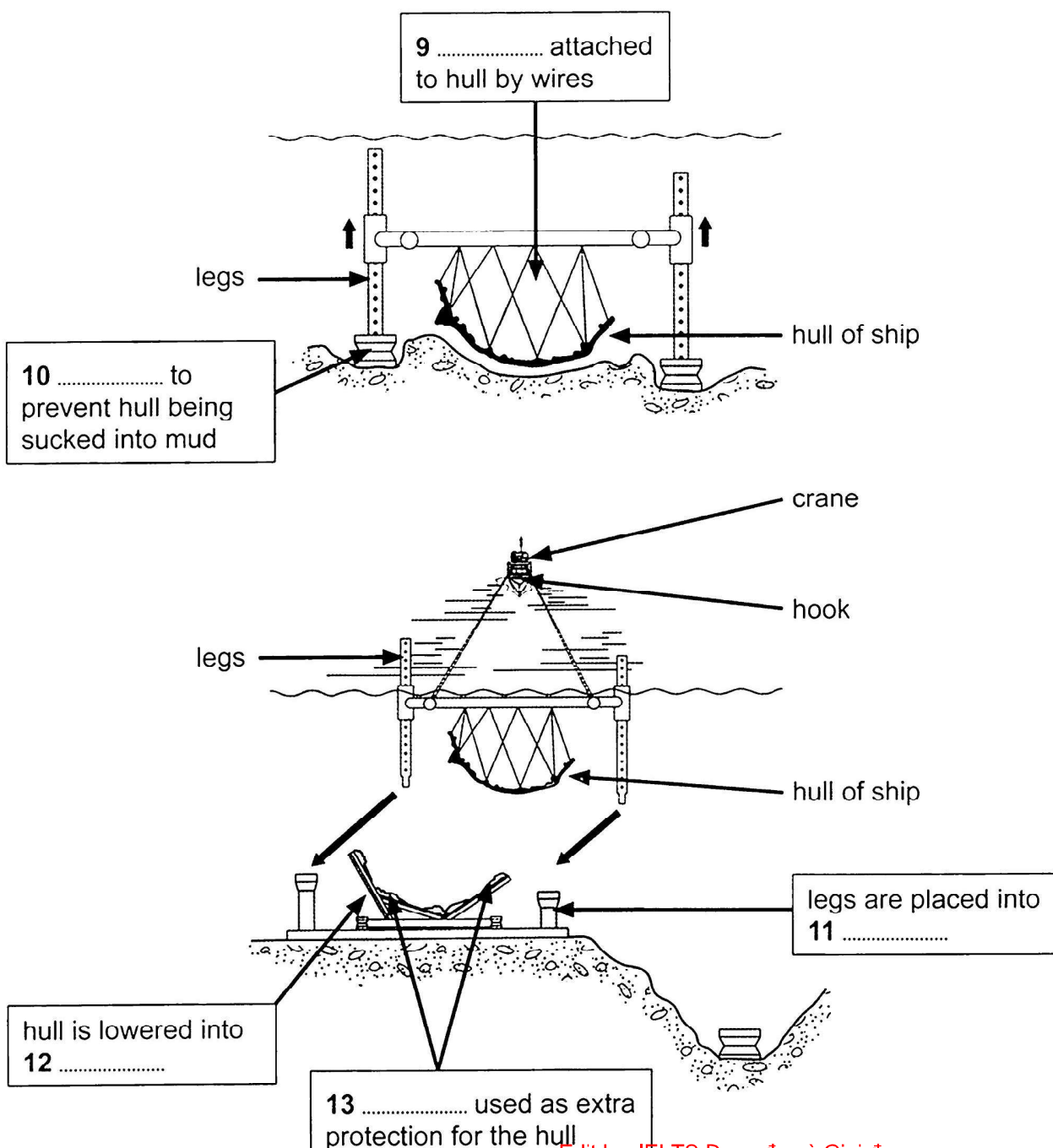
## Questions 9–13

Label the diagram below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 9–13 on your answer sheet.

### Raising the hull of the *Mary Rose*: Stages one and two



**READING PASSAGE 2**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14–26**, which are based on Reading Passage 2 on the following pages.

Questions 14–20

Reading Passage 2 has seven paragraphs, **A–G**.

Choose the correct heading for each paragraph from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i–ix**, in boxes 14–20 on your answer sheet.

**List of Headings**

- i** Evidence of innovative environment management practices
- ii** An undisputed answer to a question about the moai
- iii** The future of the moai statues
- iv** A theory which supports a local belief
- v** The future of Easter Island
- vi** Two opposing views about the Rapanui people
- vii** Destruction outside the inhabitants' control
- viii** How the statues made a situation worse
- ix** Diminishing food resources

- 14 Paragraph **A**
- 15 Paragraph **B**
- 16 Paragraph **C**
- 17 Paragraph **D**
- 18 Paragraph **E**
- 19 Paragraph **F**
- 20 Paragraph **G**



## What destroyed the civilisation of Easter Island?

- A** Easter Island, or Rapa Nui as it is known locally, is home to several hundred ancient human statues – the *moai*. After this remote Pacific island was settled by the Polynesians, it remained isolated for centuries. All the energy and resources that went into the *moai* – some of which are ten metres tall and weigh over 7,000 kilos – came from the island itself. Yet when Dutch explorers landed in 1722, they met a Stone Age culture. The *moai* were carved with stone tools, then transported for many kilometres, without the use of animals or wheels, to massive stone platforms. The identity of the *moai* builders was in doubt until well into the twentieth century. Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian ethnographer and adventurer, thought the statues had been created by pre-Inca peoples from Peru. Bestselling Swiss author Erich von Däniken believed they were built by stranded extraterrestrials. Modern science – linguistic, archaeological and genetic evidence – has definitively proved the *moai* builders were Polynesians, but not how they moved their creations. Local folklore maintains that the statues walked, while researchers have tended to assume the ancestors dragged the statues somehow, using ropes and logs.
- B** When the Europeans arrived, Rapa Nui was grassland, with only a few scrawny trees. In the 1970s and 1980s, though, researchers found pollen preserved in lake sediments, which proved the island had been covered in lush palm forests for thousands of years. Only after the Polynesians arrived did those forests disappear. US scientist Jared Diamond believes that the Rapanui people – descendants of Polynesian settlers – wrecked their own environment. They had unfortunately settled on an extremely fragile island – dry, cool, and too remote to be properly fertilised by windblown volcanic ash. When the islanders cleared the forests for firewood and farming, the forests didn't grow back. As trees became scarce and they could no longer construct wooden canoes for fishing, they ate birds. Soil erosion decreased their crop yields. Before Europeans arrived, the Rapanui had descended into civil war and cannibalism, he maintains. The collapse of their isolated civilisation, Diamond writes, is a 'worst-case scenario for what may lie ahead of us in our own future'.
- C** The *moai*, he thinks, accelerated the self-destruction. Diamond interprets them as power displays by rival chieftains who, trapped on a remote little island, lacked other ways of asserting their dominance. They competed by building ever bigger figures. Diamond thinks they laid the *moai* on wooden sledges, hauled over log rails, but that required both a lot of wood and a lot of people. To feed the people, even more land had to be cleared. When the wood was gone and civil war began, the islanders began toppling the *moai*. By the nineteenth century none were standing.

- D** Archaeologists Terry Hunt of the University of Hawaii and Carl Lipo of California State University agree that Easter Island lost its lush forests and that it was an 'ecological catastrophe' – but they believe the islanders themselves weren't to blame. And the moai certainly weren't. Archaeological excavations indicate that the Rapanui went to heroic efforts to protect the resources of their wind-lashed, infertile fields. They built thousands of circular stone windbreaks and gardened inside them, and used broken volcanic rocks to keep the soil moist. In short, Hunt and Lipo argue, the prehistoric Rapanui were pioneers of sustainable farming.
- E** Hunt and Lipo contend that moai-building was an activity that helped keep the peace between islanders. They also believe that moving the moai required few people and no wood, because they were walked upright. On that issue, Hunt and Lipo say, archaeological evidence backs up Rapanui folklore. Recent experiments indicate that as few as 18 people could, with three strong ropes and a bit of practice, easily manoeuvre a 1,000 kg moai replica a few hundred metres. The figures' fat bellies tilted them forward, and a D-shaped base allowed handlers to roll and rock them side to side.
- F** Moreover, Hunt and Lipo are convinced that the settlers were not wholly responsible for the loss of the island's trees. Archaeological finds of nuts from the extinct Easter Island palm show tiny grooves, made by the teeth of Polynesian rats. The rats arrived along with the settlers, and in just a few years, Hunt and Lipo calculate, they would have overrun the island. They would have prevented the reseedling of the slow-growing palm trees and thereby doomed Rapa Nui's forest, even without the settlers' campaign of deforestation. No doubt the rats ate birds' eggs too. Hunt and Lipo also see no evidence that Rapanui civilisation collapsed when the palm forest did. They think its population grew rapidly and then remained more or less stable until the arrival of the Europeans, who introduced deadly diseases to which islanders had no immunity. Then in the nineteenth century slave traders decimated the population, which shrivelled to 111 people by 1877.
- G** Hunt and Lipo's vision, therefore, is one of an island populated by peaceful and ingenious moai builders and careful stewards of the land, rather than by reckless destroyers ruining their own environment and society. 'Rather than a case of abject failure, Rapa Nui is an unlikely story of success', they claim. Whichever is the case, there are surely some valuable lessons which the world at large can learn from the story of Rapa Nui.



## Questions 21–24

Complete the summary below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 21–24 on your answer sheet.

### Jared Diamond's View

Diamond believes that the Polynesian settlers on Rapa Nui destroyed its forests, cutting down its trees for fuel and clearing land for **21** ..... . Twentieth-century discoveries of pollen prove that Rapa Nui had once been covered in palm forests, which had turned into grassland by the time the Europeans arrived on the island. When the islanders were no longer able to build the **22** ..... they needed to go fishing, they began using the island's **23** ..... as a food source, according to Diamond. Diamond also claims that the moai were built to show the power of the island's chieftains, and that the methods of transporting the statues needed not only a great number of people, but also a great deal of **24** ..... .

## Questions 25 and 26

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Write the correct letters in boxes 25 and 26 on your answer sheet.

On what points do Hunt and Lipo disagree with Diamond?

- A** the period when the moai were created
- B** how the moai were transported
- C** the impact of the moai on Rapanui society
- D** how the moai were carved
- E** the origins of the people who made the moai



## READING PASSAGE 3

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27–40**, which are based on Reading Passage 3 below.

### Neuroaesthetics

An emerging discipline called neuroaesthetics is seeking to bring scientific objectivity to the study of art, and has already given us a better understanding of many masterpieces. The blurred imagery of Impressionist paintings seems to stimulate the brain's amygdala, for instance. Since the amygdala plays a crucial role in our feelings, that finding might explain why many people find these pieces so moving.

Could the same approach also shed light on abstract twentieth-century pieces, from Mondrian's geometrical blocks of colour, to Pollock's seemingly haphazard arrangements of splashed paint on canvas? Sceptics believe that people claim to like such works simply because they are famous. We certainly do have an inclination to follow the crowd. When asked to make simple perceptual decisions such as matching a shape to its rotated image, for example, people often choose a definitively wrong answer if they see others doing the same. It is easy to imagine that this mentality would have even more impact on a fuzzy concept like art appreciation, where there is no right or wrong answer.

Angelina Hawley-Dolan, of Boston College, Massachusetts, responded to this debate by asking volunteers to view pairs of paintings – either the creations of famous abstract artists or the doodles of infants, chimps and elephants. They then had to judge which they preferred. A third of the paintings were given no captions, while many were labelled incorrectly – volunteers might think they were viewing a chimp's messy brushstrokes when they were actually seeing an acclaimed masterpiece. In each set of trials, volunteers generally preferred the work of renowned artists, even when they believed it was by an animal or a child. It seems that the viewer can sense the artist's vision in paintings, even if they can't explain why.

Robert Pepperell, an artist based at Cardiff University, creates ambiguous works that are neither entirely abstract nor clearly representational. In one study, Pepperell and his collaborators asked volunteers to decide how 'powerful' they considered an artwork to be, and whether they saw anything familiar in the piece. The longer they took to answer these questions, the more highly they rated the piece under scrutiny, and the greater their neural activity. It would seem that the brain sees these images as puzzles, and the harder it is to decipher the meaning, the more rewarding is the moment of recognition.



And what about artists such as Mondrian, whose paintings consist exclusively of horizontal and vertical lines encasing blocks of colour? Mondrian's works are deceptively simple, but eye-tracking studies confirm that they are meticulously composed, and that simply rotating a piece radically changes the way we view it. With the originals, volunteers' eyes tended to stay longer on certain places in the image, but with the altered versions they would flit across a piece more rapidly. As a result, the volunteers considered the altered versions less pleasurable when they later rated the work.

In a similar study, Oshin Vartanian of Toronto University asked volunteers to compare original paintings with ones which he had altered by moving objects around within the frame. He found that almost everyone preferred the original, whether it was a Van Gogh still life or an abstract by Miró. Vartanian also found that changing the composition of the paintings reduced activation in those brain areas linked with meaning and interpretation.

In another experiment, Alex Forsythe of the University of Liverpool analysed the visual intricacy of different pieces of art, and her results suggest that many artists use a key level of detail to please the brain. Too little and the work is boring, but too much results in a kind of 'perceptual overload', according to Forsythe. What's more, appealing pieces both abstract and representational, show signs of 'fractals' – repeated motifs recurring in different scales. Fractals are common throughout nature, for example in the shapes of mountain peaks or the branches of trees. It is possible that our visual system, which evolved in the great outdoors, finds it easier to process such patterns.

It is also intriguing that the brain appears to process movement when we see a handwritten letter, as if we are replaying the writer's moment of creation. This has led some to wonder whether Pollock's works feel so dynamic because the brain reconstructs the energetic actions the artist used as he painted. This may be down to our brain's 'mirror neurons', which are known to mimic others' actions. The hypothesis will need to be thoroughly tested, however. It might even be the case that we could use neuroaesthetic studies to understand the longevity of some pieces of artwork. While the fashions of the time might shape what is currently popular, works that are best adapted to our visual system may be the most likely to linger once the trends of previous generations have been forgotten.

It's still early days for the field of neuroaesthetics – and these studies are probably only a taste of what is to come. It would, however, be foolish to reduce art appreciation to a set of scientific laws. We shouldn't underestimate the importance of the style of a particular artist, their place in history and the artistic environment of their time. Abstract art offers both a challenge and the freedom to play with different interpretations. In some ways, it's not so different to science, where we are constantly looking for systems and decoding meaning so that we can view and appreciate the world in a new way.



## Questions 27–30

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Write the correct letter in boxes 27–30 on your answer sheet.

- 27** In the second paragraph, the writer refers to a shape-matching test in order to illustrate
- A** the subjective nature of art appreciation.
  - B** the reliance of modern art on abstract forms.
  - C** our tendency to be influenced by the opinions of others.
  - D** a common problem encountered when processing visual data.
- 28** Angelina Hawley-Dolan's findings indicate that people
- A** mostly favour works of art which they know well.
  - B** hold fixed ideas about what makes a good work of art.
  - C** are often misled by their initial expectations of a work of art.
  - D** have the ability to perceive the intention behind works of art.
- 29** Results of studies involving Robert Pepperell's pieces suggest that people
- A** can appreciate a painting without fully understanding it.
  - B** find it satisfying to work out what a painting represents.
  - C** vary widely in the time they spend looking at paintings.
  - D** generally prefer representational art to abstract art.
- 30** What do the experiments described in the fifth paragraph suggest about the paintings of Mondrian?
- A** They are more carefully put together than they appear.
  - B** They can be interpreted in a number of different ways.
  - C** They challenge our assumptions about shape and colour.
  - D** They are easier to appreciate than many other abstract works.



## Questions 31–33

Complete the summary using the list of words, **A–H**, below.

Write the correct letters, **A–H**, in boxes 31–33 on your answer sheet.

### Art and the Brain

The discipline of neuroaesthetics aims to bring scientific objectivity to the study of art. Neurological studies of the brain, for example, demonstrate the impact which Impressionist paintings have on our **31** ..... Alex Forsythe of the University of Liverpool believes many artists give their works the precise degree of **32** ..... which most appeals to the viewer's brain. She also observes that pleasing works of art often contain certain repeated **33** ..... which occur frequently in the natural world.

**A** interpretation**B** complexity**C** emotions**D** movements**E** skill**F** layout**G** concern**H** images

## Questions 34–39

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer in Reading Passage 3?

In boxes 34–39 on your answer sheet, write

- YES** if the statement agrees with the views of the writer  
**NO** if the statement contradicts the views of the writer  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 34 Forsythe's findings contradicted previous beliefs on the function of 'fractals' in art.
- 35 Certain ideas regarding the link between 'mirror neurons' and art appreciation require further verification.
- 36 People's taste in paintings depends entirely on the current artistic trends of the period.
- 37 Scientists should seek to define the precise rules which govern people's reactions to works of art.
- 38 Art appreciation should always involve taking into consideration the cultural context in which an artist worked.
- 39 It is easier to find meaning in the field of science than in that of art.

## Question 40

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Write the correct letter in box 40 on your answer sheet.

- 40 What would be the most appropriate subtitle for the article?
- A** Some scientific insights into how the brain responds to abstract art  
**B** Recent studies focusing on the neural activity of abstract artists  
**C** A comparison of the neurological bases of abstract and representational art  
**D** How brain research has altered public opinion about abstract art

**WRITING****WRITING TASK 1**

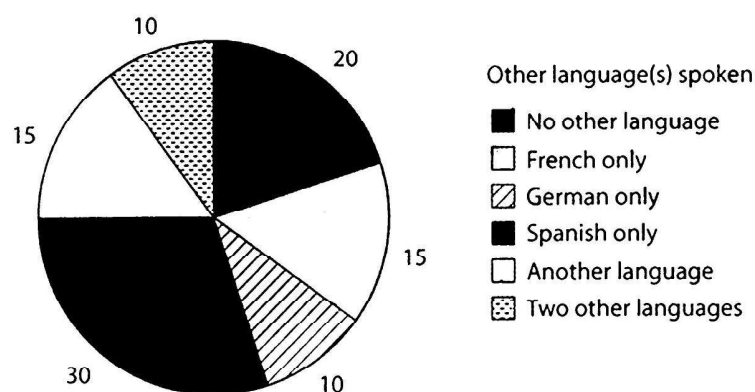
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The charts below show the proportions of British students at one university in England who were able to speak other languages in addition to English, in 2000 and 2010.*

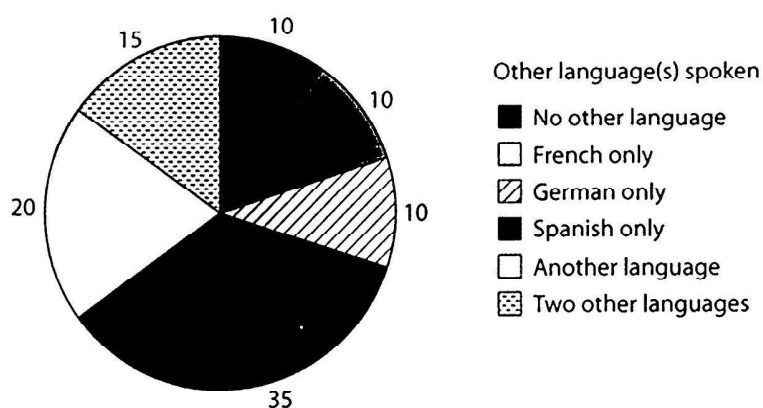
*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

% of British Students able to speak languages other than English, 2000



% of British Students able to speak languages other than English, 2010





## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

*Some people claim that not enough of the waste from homes is recycled. They say that the only way to increase recycling is for governments to make it a legal requirement.*

*To what extent do you think laws are needed to make people recycle more of their waste?*

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

**SPEAKING****PART 1**

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

**EXAMPLE****Friends**

- How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]
- Tell me about your best friend at school.
- How friendly are you with your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]
- Which is more important to you, friends or family? [Why?]

**PART 2**

**Describe a writer you would like to meet.**

**You should say:**

**who the writer is**

**what you know about this writer already**

**what you would like to find out about**

**him/her**

**and explain why you would like to meet this writer.**

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**PART 3****Discussion topics:****Reading and children**

*Example questions:*

What kinds of book are most popular with children in your country? Why do you think that is?

Why do you think some children do not read books very often?

How do you think children can be encouraged to read more?

**Reading for different purposes**

*Example questions:*

Are there any occasions when reading at speed is a useful skill to have? What are they?

Are there any jobs where people need to read a lot? What are they?

Do you think that reading novels is more interesting than reading factual books?

Why is that?

**READING****READING PASSAGE 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–13**, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

**THE STORY OF SILK**

*The history of the world's most luxurious fabric,  
from ancient China to the present day*

Silk is a fine, smooth material produced from the cocoons – soft protective shells – that are made by mulberry silkworms (insect larvae). Legend has it that it was Lei Tzu, wife of the Yellow Emperor, ruler of China in about 3000 BC, who discovered silkworms. One account of the story goes that as she was taking a walk in her husband's gardens, she discovered that silkworms were responsible for the destruction of several mulberry trees. She collected a number of cocoons and sat down to have a rest. It just so happened that while she was sipping some tea, one of the cocoons that she had collected landed in the hot tea and started to unravel into a fine thread. Lei Tzu found that she could wind this thread around her fingers. Subsequently, she persuaded her husband to allow her to rear silkworms on a grove of mulberry trees. She also devised a special reel to draw the fibres from the cocoon into a single thread so that they would be strong enough to be woven into fabric. While it is unknown just how much of this is true, it is certainly known that silk cultivation has existed in China for several millennia.

Originally, silkworm farming was solely restricted to women, and it was they who were responsible for the growing, harvesting and weaving. Silk quickly grew into a symbol of status, and originally, only royalty were entitled to have clothes made of silk. The rules were gradually relaxed over the years until finally during the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911 AD), even peasants, the lowest caste, were also entitled to wear silk. Sometime during the Han Dynasty (206 BC–220 AD), silk was so prized that it was also used as a unit of currency. Government officials were paid their salary in silk, and farmers paid their taxes in grain and silk. Silk was also used as diplomatic gifts by the emperor. Fishing lines, bowstrings, musical instruments and paper were all made using silk. The earliest indication of silk paper being used was discovered in the tomb of a noble who is estimated to have died around 168 AD.

Demand for this exotic fabric eventually created the lucrative trade route now known as the Silk Road, taking silk westward and bringing gold, silver and



wool to the East. It was named the Silk Road after its most precious commodity, which was considered to be worth more than gold. The Silk Road stretched over 6,000 kilometres from Eastern China to the Mediterranean Sea, following the Great Wall of China, climbing the Pamir mountain range, crossing modern-day Afghanistan and going on to the Middle East, with a major trading market in Damascus. From there, the merchandise was shipped across the Mediterranean Sea. Few merchants travelled the entire route; goods were handled mostly by a series of middlemen.

With the mulberry silkworm being native to China, the country was the world's sole producer of silk for many hundreds of years. The secret of silk-making eventually reached the rest of the world via the Byzantine Empire, which ruled over the Mediterranean region of southern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East during the period 330–1453 AD. According to another legend, monks working for the Byzantine emperor Justinian smuggled silkworm eggs to Constantinople (Istanbul in modern-day Turkey) in 550 AD, concealed inside hollow bamboo walking canes. The Byzantines were as secretive as the Chinese, however, and for many centuries the weaving and trading of silk fabric was a strict imperial monopoly. Then in the seventh century, the Arabs conquered Persia, capturing their magnificent silks in the process. Silk production thus spread through Africa, Sicily and Spain as the Arabs

swept through these lands. Andalusia in southern Spain was Europe's main silk-producing centre in the tenth century. By the thirteenth century, however, Italy had become Europe's leader in silk production and export. Venetian merchants traded extensively in silk and encouraged silk growers to settle in Italy. Even now, silk processed in the province of Como in northern Italy enjoys an esteemed reputation.

The nineteenth century and industrialisation saw the downfall of the European silk industry. Cheaper Japanese silk, trade in which was greatly facilitated by the opening of the Suez Canal, was one of the many factors driving the trend. Then in the twentieth century, new manmade fibres, such as nylon, started to be used in what had traditionally been silk products, such as stockings and parachutes. The two world wars, which interrupted the supply of raw material from Japan, also stifled the European silk industry. After the Second World War, Japan's silk production was restored, with improved production and quality of raw silk. Japan was to remain the world's biggest producer of raw silk, and practically the only major exporter of raw silk, until the 1970s. However, in more recent decades, China has gradually recaptured its position as the world's biggest producer and exporter of raw silk and silk yarn. Today, around 125,000 metric tons of silk are produced in the world, and almost two thirds of that production takes place in China.

Questions 1–9

Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–9 on your answer sheet.

## THE STORY OF SILK

### Early silk production in China

- Around 3000 BC, according to legend:
  - silkworm cocoon fell into emperor's wife's **1** .....
  - emperor's wife invented a **2** ..... to pull out silk fibres
- Only **3** ..... were allowed to produce silk
- Only **4** ..... were allowed to wear silk
- Silk used as a form of **5** .....
  - e.g. farmers' taxes consisted partly of silk
- Silk used for many purposes
  - e.g. evidence found of **6** ..... made from silk around 168 AD

### Silk reaches rest of world

- Merchants use Silk Road to take silk westward and bring back **7** ..... and precious metals
- 550 AD: **8** ..... hide silkworm eggs in canes and take them to Constantinople
- Silk production spreads across Middle East and Europe
- 20th century: **9** ..... and other manmade fibres cause decline in silk production

## Questions 10–13

Do the following statements agree with the information in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 10–13 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE**            if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE**        if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 10 Gold was the most valuable material transported along the Silk Road.
- 11 Most tradesmen only went along certain sections of the Silk Road.
- 12 The Byzantines spread the practice of silk production across the West.
- 13 Silk yarn makes up the majority of silk currently exported from China.



## READING PASSAGE 2

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14–26**, which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.

## Great Migrations

Animal migration, however it is defined, is far more than just the movement of animals. It can loosely be described as travel that takes place at regular intervals – often in an annual cycle – that may involve many members of a species, and is rewarded only after a long journey. It suggests inherited instinct. The biologist Hugh Dingle has identified five characteristics that apply, in varying degrees and combinations, to all migrations. They are prolonged movements that carry animals outside familiar habitats; they tend to be linear, not zigzaggy; they involve special behaviours concerning preparation (such as overfeeding) and arrival; they demand special allocations of energy. And one more: migrating animals maintain an intense attentiveness to the greater mission, which keeps them undistracted by temptations and undeterred by challenges that would turn other animals aside.

An arctic tern, on its 20,000 km flight from the extreme south of South America to the Arctic circle, will take no notice of a nice smelly herring offered from a bird-watcher's boat along the way. While local gulls will dive voraciously for such handouts, the tern flies on. Why? The arctic tern resists distraction because it is driven at that moment by an instinctive sense of something we humans find admirable: larger purpose. In other words, it is determined to reach its destination. The bird senses that it can eat, rest and mate later. Right now it is totally focused on the journey; its undivided intent is arrival.

Reaching some gravelly coastline in the Arctic, upon which other arctic terns have converged, will serve its larger purpose as shaped by evolution: finding a place, a time, and a set of circumstances in which it can successfully hatch and rear offspring.

But migration is a complex issue, and biologists define it differently, depending in part on what sorts of animals they study. Joel Berger, of the University of Montana, who works on the American pronghorn and other large terrestrial mammals, prefers what he calls a simple, practical definition suited to his beasts: 'movements from a seasonal home area away to another home area and back again'. Generally the reason for such seasonal back-and-forth movement is to seek resources that aren't available within a single area year-round.

But daily vertical movements by zooplankton in the ocean – upward by night to seek food, downward by day to escape predators – can also be considered migration. So can the movement of aphids when, having depleted the young leaves on one food plant, their offspring then fly onward to a different host plant, with no one aphid ever returning to where it started.

Dingle is an evolutionary biologist who studies insects. His definition is more intricate than Berger's, citing those five features that distinguish migration from other forms of movement. They allow for the fact that, for example, aphids will

become sensitive to blue light (from the sky) when it's time for takeoff on their big journey, and sensitive to yellow light (reflected from tender young leaves) when it's appropriate to land. Birds will fatten themselves with heavy feeding in advance of a long migrational flight. The value of his definition, Dingle argues, is that it focuses attention on what the phenomenon of wildebeest migration shares with the phenomenon of the aphids, and therefore helps guide researchers towards understanding how evolution has produced them all.

Human behaviour, however, is having a detrimental impact on animal migration. The pronghorn, which resembles an antelope, though they are unrelated, is the fastest land mammal of the New World. One population, which spends the summer in the mountainous Grand Teton National Park of the western USA, follows a narrow route from its summer range in the mountains, across a river, and down onto the plains. Here they wait out the frozen months, feeding mainly on sagebrush blown clear of snow. These pronghorn are notable for the invariance of their migration route and the severity of its constriction at three bottlenecks. If they can't pass through each of the three during their spring migration, they can't reach their bounty of summer grazing; if they can't

pass through again in autumn, escaping south onto those windblown plains, they are likely to die trying to overwinter in the deep snow. Pronghorn, dependent on distance vision and speed to keep safe from predators, traverse high, open shoulders of land, where they can see and run. At one of the bottlenecks, forested hills rise to form a V, leaving a corridor of open ground only about 150 metres wide, filled with private homes. Increasing development is leading toward a crisis for the pronghorn, threatening to choke off their passageway.

Conservation scientists, along with some biologists and land managers within the USA's National Park Service and other agencies, are now working to preserve migrational behaviours, not just species and habitats. A National Forest has recognised the path of the pronghorn, much of which passes across its land, as a protected migration corridor. But neither the Forest Service nor the Park Service can control what happens on private land at a bottleneck. And with certain other migrating species, the challenge is complicated further – by vastly greater distances traversed, more jurisdictions, more borders, more dangers along the way. We will require wisdom and resoluteness to ensure that migrating species can continue their journeying a while longer.

Questions 14–18

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 2?

In boxes 14–18 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE**            if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE**          if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN**   if there is no information on this

- 14 Local gulls and migrating arctic terns behave in the same way when offered food.
- 15 Experts' definitions of migration tend to vary according to their area of study.
- 16 Very few experts agree that the movement of aphids can be considered migration.
- 17 Aphids' journeys are affected by changes in the light that they perceive.
- 18 Dingle's aim is to distinguish between the migratory behaviours of different species.



## Questions 19–22

Complete each sentence with the correct ending, **A–G**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A–G**, in boxes 19–22 on your answer sheet.

- 19 According to Dingle, migratory routes are likely to
- 20 To prepare for migration, animals are likely to
- 21 During migration, animals are unlikely to
- 22 Arctic terns illustrate migrating animals' ability to

- A** be discouraged by difficulties.
- B** travel on open land where they can look out for predators.
- C** eat more than they need for immediate purposes.
- D** be repeated daily.
- E** ignore distractions.
- F** be governed by the availability of water.
- G** follow a straight line.

## Questions 23–26

Complete the summary below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 23–26 on your answer sheet.

### The migration of pronghorns

Pronghorns rely on their eyesight and **23** ..... to avoid predators. One particular population's summer habitat is a national park, and their winter home is on the **24** ....., where they go to avoid the danger presented by the snow at that time of year. However, their route between these two areas contains three **25** ..... One problem is the construction of new homes in a narrow **26** ..... of land on the pronghorns' route.

**READING PASSAGE 3**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27–40**, which are based on Reading Passage 3 below.

**Preface to ‘How the other half thinks:  
Adventures in mathematical reasoning’**

- A** Occasionally, in some difficult musical compositions, there are beautiful, but easy parts – parts so simple a beginner could play them. So it is with mathematics as well. There are some discoveries in advanced mathematics that do not depend on specialized knowledge, not even on algebra, geometry, or trigonometry. Instead they may involve, at most, a little arithmetic, such as ‘the sum of two odd numbers is even’, and common sense. Each of the eight chapters in this book illustrates this phenomenon. Anyone can understand every step in the reasoning.

The thinking in each chapter uses at most only elementary arithmetic, and sometimes not even that. Thus all readers will have the chance to participate in a mathematical experience, to appreciate the beauty of mathematics, and to become familiar with its logical, yet intuitive, style of thinking.

- B** One of my purposes in writing this book is to give readers who haven’t had the opportunity to see and enjoy real mathematics the chance to appreciate the mathematical way of thinking. I want to reveal not only some of the fascinating discoveries, but, more importantly, the reasoning behind them.

In that respect, this book differs from most books on mathematics written for the general public. Some present the lives of colorful mathematicians. Others describe important applications of mathematics. Yet others go into mathematical procedures, but assume that the reader is adept in using algebra.

- C** I hope this book will help bridge that notorious gap that separates the two cultures: the humanities and the sciences, or should I say the right brain (intuitive) and the left brain (analytical, numerical). As the chapters will illustrate, mathematics is not restricted to the analytical and numerical; intuition plays a significant role. The alleged gap can be narrowed or completely overcome by anyone, in part because each of us is far from using the full capacity of either side of the brain. To illustrate our human potential, I cite a structural engineer who is an artist, an electrical engineer who is an opera singer, an opera singer who published mathematical research, and a mathematician who publishes short stories.
- D** Other scientists have written books to explain their fields to non-scientists, but have necessarily had to omit the mathematics, although it provides the foundation of their theories. The reader must remain a tantalized spectator rather than an involved participant, since the appropriate language for describing the details in much of science is mathematics, whether the subject is expanding universe, subatomic particles, or chromosomes. Though the broad outline of a scientific theory can be

sketched intuitively, when a part of the physical universe is finally understood, its description often looks like a page in a mathematics text.

- E** Still, the non-mathematical reader can go far in understanding mathematical reasoning. This book presents the details that illustrate the mathematical style of thinking, which involves sustained, step-by-step analysis, experiments, and insights. You will turn these pages much more slowly than when reading a novel or a newspaper. It may help to have a pencil and paper ready to check claims and carry out experiments.
- F** As I wrote, I kept in mind two types of readers: those who enjoyed mathematics until they were turned off by an unpleasant episode, usually around fifth grade, and mathematics aficionados, who will find much that is new throughout the book.

This book also serves readers who simply want to sharpen their analytical skills. Many careers, such as law and medicine, require extended, precise analysis. Each chapter offers practice in following a sustained and closely argued line of thought. That mathematics can develop this skill is shown by these two testimonials:

- G** A physician wrote, 'The discipline of analytical thought processes [in mathematics] prepared me extremely well for medical school. In medicine one is faced with a problem which must be thoroughly analyzed before a solution can be found. The process is similar to doing mathematics.'

A lawyer made the same point, 'Although I had no background in law – not even one political science course – I did well at one of the best law schools. I attribute much of my success there to having learned, through the study of mathematics, and, in particular, theorems, how to analyze complicated principles. Lawyers who have studied mathematics can master the legal principles in a way that most others cannot.'

I hope you will share my delight in watching as simple, even naïve, questions lead to remarkable solutions and purely theoretical discoveries find unanticipated applications.



Questions 27–34

Reading Passage 3 has seven sections, **A–G**.

Which section contains the following information?

*Write the correct letter, **A–G**, in boxes 27–34 on your answer sheet.*

**NB** *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 27** a reference to books that assume a lack of mathematical knowledge
- 28** the way in which this is not a typical book about mathematics
- 29** personal examples of being helped by mathematics
- 30** examples of people who each had abilities that seemed incompatible
- 31** mention of different focuses of books about mathematics
- 32** a contrast between reading this book and reading other kinds of publication
- 33** a claim that the whole of the book is accessible to everybody
- 34** a reference to different categories of intended readers of this book

## Questions 35–40

Complete the sentences below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 35–40 on your answer sheet.

- 35 Some areas of both music and mathematics are suitable for someone who is a ..... .
- 36 It is sometimes possible to understand advanced mathematics using no more than a limited knowledge of ..... .
- 37 The writer intends to show that mathematics requires ..... thinking, as well as analytical skills.
- 38 Some books written by ..... have had to leave out the mathematics that is central to their theories.
- 39 The writer advises non-mathematical readers to perform ..... while reading the book.
- 40 A lawyer found that studying ..... helped even more than other areas of mathematics in the study of law.

**WRITING****WRITING TASK 1**

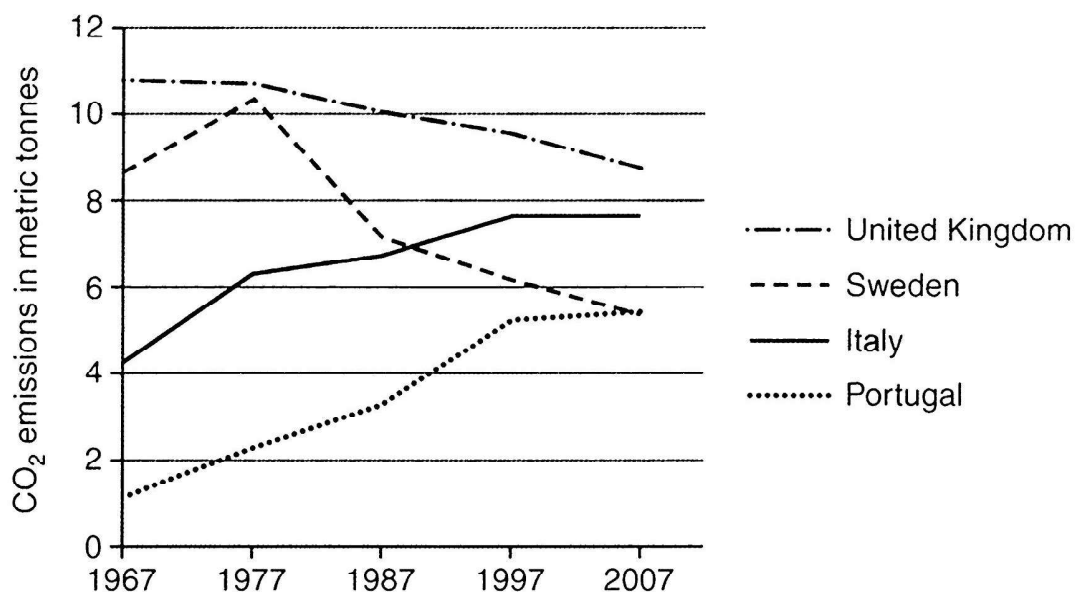
You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The graph below shows average carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions per person in the United Kingdom, Sweden, Italy and Portugal between 1967 and 2007.*

*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

**Average carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions per person, 1967–2007**





## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

*Some people say that the only reason for learning a foreign language is in order to travel to or work in a foreign country. Others say that these are not the only reasons why someone should learn a foreign language.*

*Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.*

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

## SPEAKING

### PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

#### EXAMPLE

##### Photographs

- What type of photos do you like taking? [Why/Why not?]
- What do you do with photos you take? [Why/Why not?]
- When you visit other places, do you take photos or buy postcards? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you like people taking photos of you? [Why/Why not?]

### PART 2

**Describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect.**

**You should say:**

**where you were on this day**

**what the weather was like on this day**

**what you did during the day**

**and explain why you thought the weather was perfect on this day.**

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You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.

You have one minute to think about what you are going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

### PART 3

#### Discussion topics:

##### Types of weather

##### Example questions:

What types of weather do people in your country dislike most? Why is that?

What jobs can be affected by different weather conditions? Why?

Are there any important festivals in your country that celebrate a season or type of weather?

##### Weather forecasts

##### Example questions:

How important do you think it is for everyone to check what the next day's weather will be? Why?

What is the best way to get accurate information about the weather?

How easy or difficult is it to predict the weather in your country? Why is that?

# Test 4

## LISTENING

### SECTION 1 Questions 1–10

Questions 1–7

Complete the table below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer

Event	Cost	Venue	Notes
<b>Jazz band</b>	<i>Example</i> Tickets available for £ .....15.....	The 1 ..... school	Also appearing: Carolyn Hart (plays the 2 ..... )
<b>Duck races</b>	£1 per duck	Start behind the 3 .....	Prize: tickets for 4 ..... held at the end of the festival. Ducks can be bought in the 5 .....
<b>Flower show</b>	Free	6 ..... Hall	Prizes presented at 5 pm by a well-known 7 .....



## READING

## READING PASSAGE 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–13**, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

## Research using twins

To biomedical researchers all over the world, twins offer a precious opportunity to untangle the influence of genes and the environment – of nature and nurture. Because identical twins come from a single fertilized egg that splits into two, they share virtually the same genetic code. Any differences between them – one twin having younger looking skin, for example – must be due to environmental factors such as less time spent in the sun.

Alternatively, by comparing the experiences of identical twins with those of fraternal twins, who come from separate eggs and share on average half their DNA, researchers can quantify the extent to which our genes affect our lives. If identical twins are more similar to each other with respect to an ailment than fraternal twins are, then vulnerability to the disease must be rooted at least in part in heredity.

These two lines of research – studying the differences between identical twins to pinpoint the influence of environment, and comparing identical twins with fraternal ones to measure the role of inheritance – have been crucial to understanding the interplay of nature and nurture in determining our personalities, behavior, and vulnerability to disease.

The idea of using twins to measure the influence of heredity dates back to 1875, when the English scientist Francis Galton first suggested the approach (and coined the phrase 'nature and nurture'). But twin studies took a surprising twist in the 1980s, with the arrival of studies into identical twins who had been separated at birth and reunited as adults. Over two decades 137 sets of twins eventually visited Thomas Bouchard's lab in what became known as the Minnesota Study of Twins Reared Apart. Numerous tests were carried out on the twins, and they were each asked more than 15,000 questions.

Bouchard and his colleagues used this mountain of data to identify how far twins were affected by their genetic makeup. The key to their approach was a statistical concept called heritability. In broad terms, the heritability of a trait measures the extent to which differences among members of a population can be explained by differences in their genetics. And wherever Bouchard and other scientists looked, it seemed, they found the invisible hand of genetic influence helping to shape our lives.

Lately, however, twin studies have helped lead scientists to a radical new conclusion: that nature and nurture are not the only



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elemental forces at work. According to a recent field called epigenetics, there is a third factor also in play, one that in some cases serves as a bridge between the environment and our genes, and in others operates on its own to shape who we are.

Epigenetic processes are chemical reactions tied to neither nature nor nurture but representing what researchers have called a 'third component'. These reactions influence how our genetic code is expressed: how each gene is strengthened or weakened, even turned on or off, to build our bones, brains and all the other parts of our bodies.

If you think of our DNA as an immense piano keyboard and our genes as the keys – each key symbolizing a segment of DNA responsible for a particular note, or trait, and all the keys combining to make us who we are – then epigenetic processes determine when and how each key can be struck, changing the tune being played.

One way the study of epigenetics is revolutionizing our understanding of biology is by revealing a mechanism by which the environment directly impacts on genes. Studies of animals, for example, have shown that when a rat experiences stress during pregnancy, it can cause epigenetic changes in a fetus that lead to behavioral problems as the rodent grows up. Other epigenetic processes appear to occur randomly, while others are normal, such as those that guide embryonic cells

as they become heart, brain, or liver cells, for example.

Geneticist Danielle Reed has worked with many twins over the years and thought deeply about what twin studies have taught us. 'It's very clear when you look at twins that much of what they share is hardwired,' she says. 'Many things about them are absolutely the same and unalterable. But it's also clear, when you get to know them, that other things about them are different. Epigenetics is the origin of a lot of those differences, in my view.'

Reed credits Thomas Bouchard's work for today's surge in twin studies. 'He was the trailblazer,' she says. 'We forget that 50 years ago things like heart disease were thought to be caused entirely by lifestyle. Schizophrenia was thought to be due to poor mothering. Twin studies have allowed us to be more reflective about what people are actually born with and what's caused by experience.'

Having said that, Reed adds, the latest work in epigenetics promises to take our understanding even further. 'What I like to say is that nature writes some things in pencil and some things in pen,' she says. 'Things written in pen you can't change. That's DNA. But things written in pencil you can. That's epigenetics. Now that we're actually able to look at the DNA and see where the pencil writings are, it's sort of a whole new world.'



Questions 1–4

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 1–4 on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information  
**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information  
**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

- 1 There may be genetic causes for the differences in how young the skin of identical twins looks.
- 2 Twins are at greater risk of developing certain illnesses than non-twins.
- 3 Bouchard advertised in newspapers for twins who had been separated at birth.
- 4 Epigenetic processes are different from both genetic and environmental processes.

Questions 5–9

Look at the following statements (Questions 5–9) and the list of researchers below.

Match each statement with the correct researcher, **A**, **B** or **C**.

Write the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**, in boxes 5–9 on your answer sheet.

**NB** You may use any letter more than once.

**List of Researchers**

- A** Francis Galton  
**B** Thomas Bouchard  
**C** Danielle Reed

- 5 invented a term used to distinguish two factors affecting human characteristics
- 6 expressed the view that the study of epigenetics will increase our knowledge
- 7 developed a mathematical method of measuring genetic influences
- 8 pioneered research into genetics using twins
- 9 carried out research into twins who had lived apart



## Questions 10–13

Complete the summary using the list of words, **A–F**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A–F**, in boxes 10–13 on your answer sheet.

### Epigenetic processes

In epigenetic processes, **10** ..... influence the activity of our genes, for example in creating our internal **11** ..... . The study of epigenetic processes is uncovering a way in which our genes can be affected by our **12** ..... . One example is that if a pregnant rat suffers stress, the new-born rat may later show problems in its **13** ..... .

**A** nurture**B** organs**C** code**D** chemicals**E** environment**F** behaviour/behavior

## READING PASSAGE 2

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14–26**, which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.

### An Introduction to Film Sound

Though we might think of film as an essentially visual experience, we really cannot afford to underestimate the importance of film sound. A meaningful sound track is often as complicated as the image on the screen, and is ultimately just as much the responsibility of the director. The entire sound track consists of three essential ingredients: the human voice, sound effects and music. These three tracks must be mixed and balanced so as to produce the necessary emphases which in turn create desired effects. Topics which essentially refer to the three previously mentioned tracks are discussed below. They include dialogue, synchronous and asynchronous sound effects, and music.

Let us start with dialogue. As is the case with stage drama, dialogue serves to tell the story and expresses feelings and motivations of characters as well. Often with film characterization the audience perceives little or no difference between the character and the actor. Thus, for example, the actor Humphrey Bogart is the character Sam Spade; film personality and life personality seem to merge. Perhaps this is because the very texture of a performer's voice supplies an element of character.

When voice textures fit the performer's physiognomy and gestures, a whole

and very realistic persona emerges. The viewer sees not an actor working at his craft, but another human being struggling with life. It is interesting to note that how dialogue is used and the very amount of dialogue used varies widely among films. For example, in the highly successful science-fiction film *2001*, little dialogue was evident, and most of it was banal and of little intrinsic interest. In this way the film-maker was able to portray what Thomas Sobochack and Vivian Sobochack call, in *An Introduction to Film*, the 'inadequacy of human responses when compared with the magnificent technology created by man and the visual beauties of the universe'.

The comedy *Bringing Up Baby*, on the other hand, presents practically non-stop dialogue delivered at breakneck speed. This use of dialogue underscores not only the dizzy quality of the character played by Katherine Hepburn, but also the absurdity of the film itself and thus its humor. The audience is bounced from gag to gag and conversation to conversation; there is no time for audience reflection. The audience is caught up in a whirlwind of activity in simply managing to follow the plot. This film presents pure escapism – largely due to its frenetic dialogue.

Synchronous sound effects are those sounds which are synchronized or



matched with what is viewed. For example, if the film portrays a character playing the piano, the sounds of the piano are projected. Synchronous sounds contribute to the realism of film and also help to create a particular atmosphere. For example, the 'click' of a door being opened may simply serve to convince the audience that the image portrayed is real, and the audience may only subconsciously note the expected sound. However, if the 'click' of an opening door is part of an ominous action such as a burglary, the sound mixer may call attention to the 'click' with an increase in volume; this helps to engage the audience in a moment of suspense.

Asynchronous sound effects, on the other hand, are not matched with a visible source of the sound on screen. Such sounds are included so as to provide an appropriate emotional nuance, and they may also add to the realism of the film. For example, a film-maker might opt to include the background sound of an ambulance's siren while the foreground sound and image portrays an arguing couple. The asynchronous ambulance siren underscores the psychic injury incurred in the argument; at the same time the noise of the siren adds to the realism of the film by acknowledging the film's city setting.

We are probably all familiar with background music in films, which has become so ubiquitous as to be noticeable in its absence. We are aware that it is used to add emotion and rhythm. Usually not meant to be noticeable, it often provides a tone or an emotional attitude toward the story and/or the characters depicted. In addition, background music often foreshadows a change in mood. For example, dissonant music may be used in film to indicate an approaching (but not yet visible) menace or disaster.

Background music may aid viewer understanding by linking scenes. For example, a particular musical theme associated with an individual character or situation may be repeated at various points in a film in order to remind the audience of salient motifs or ideas.

Film sound comprises conventions and innovations. We have come to expect an acceleration of music during car chases and creaky doors in horror films. Yet, it is important to note as well that sound is often brilliantly conceived. The effects of sound are often largely subtle and often are noted by only our subconscious minds. We need to foster an awareness of film sound as well as film space so as to truly appreciate an art form that sprang to life during the twentieth century – the modern film.



Questions 14–18

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Write the correct letter in boxes 14–18 on your answer sheet.

- 14** In the first paragraph, the writer makes a point that
- A** the director should plan the sound track at an early stage in filming.
  - B** it would be wrong to overlook the contribution of sound to the artistry of films.
  - C** the music industry can have a beneficial influence on sound in film.
  - D** it is important for those working on the sound in a film to have sole responsibility for it.
- 15** One reason that the writer refers to Humphrey Bogart is to exemplify
- A** the importance of the actor and the character appearing to have similar personalities.
  - B** the audience's wish that actors are visually appropriate for their roles.
  - C** the value of the actor having had similar feelings to the character.
  - D** the audience's preference for dialogue to be as authentic as possible.
- 16** In the third paragraph, the writer suggests that
- A** audiences are likely to be critical of film dialogue that does not reflect their own experience.
  - B** film dialogue that appears to be dull may have a specific purpose.
  - C** filmmakers vary considerably in the skill with which they handle dialogue.
  - D** the most successful films are those with dialogue of a high quality.
- 7** What does the writer suggest about *Bringing Up Baby*?
- A** The plot suffers from the filmmaker's wish to focus on humorous dialogue.
  - B** The dialogue helps to make it one of the best comedy films ever produced.
  - C** There is a mismatch between the speed of the dialogue and the speed of actions.
  - D** The nature of the dialogue emphasises key elements of the film.
- 8** The writer refers to the 'click' of a door to make the point that realistic sounds
- A** are often used to give the audience a false impression of events in the film.
  - B** may be interpreted in different ways by different members of the audience.
  - C** may be modified in order to manipulate the audience's response to the film.
  - D** tend to be more significant in films presenting realistic situations.

## Questions 19–23

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 2?

*In boxes 19–23 on your answer sheet, write*

**TRUE**            *if the statement agrees with the information*  
**FALSE**          *if the statement contradicts the information*  
**NOT GIVEN**   *if there is no information on this*

- 19 Audiences are likely to be surprised if a film lacks background music.
- 20 Background music may anticipate a development in a film.
- 21 Background music has more effect on some people than on others.
- 22 Background music may help the audience to make certain connections within the film.
- 23 Audiences tend to be aware of how the background music is affecting them.

Questions 24–26

Complete each sentence with the correct ending, **A–E**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A–E**, in boxes 24–26 on your answer sheet.

- 24** The audience's response to different parts of a film can be controlled
- 25** The feelings and motivations of characters become clear
- 26** A character seems to be a real person rather than an actor

- A** when the audience listens to the dialogue.
- B** if the film reflects the audience's own concerns.
- C** if voice, sound and music are combined appropriately.
- D** when the director is aware of how the audience will respond.
- E** when the actor's appearance, voice and moves are consistent with each other.

**READING PASSAGE 3**

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27–40**, which are based on Reading Passage 3 on the following pages.

**Questions 27–32**

Reading Passage 3 has six paragraphs, **A–F**.

Choose the correct heading for paragraphs **A–F** from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i–vii**, in boxes 27–32 on your answer sheet.

**List of Headings**

- i** Differences between languages highlight their impressiveness
- ii** The way in which a few sounds are organised to convey a huge range of meaning
- iii** Why the sounds used in different languages are not identical
- iv** Apparently incompatible characteristics of language
- v** Even silence can be meaningful
- vi** Why language is the most important invention of all
- vii** The universal ability to use language

**27** Paragraph **A**

**28** Paragraph **B**

**29** Paragraph **C**

**30** Paragraph **D**

**31** Paragraph **E**

**32** Paragraph **F**



# 'This Marvellous Invention'

- A** Of all mankind's manifold creations, language must take pride of place. Other inventions – the wheel, agriculture, sliced bread – may have transformed our material existence, but the advent of language is what made us human. Compared to language, all other inventions pale in significance, since everything we have ever achieved depends on language and originates from it. Without language, we could never have embarked on our ascent to unparalleled power over all other animals, and even over nature itself.
- B** But language is foremost not just because it came first. In its own right it is a tool of extraordinary sophistication, yet based on an idea of ingenious simplicity: 'this marvellous invention of composing out of twenty-five or thirty sounds that infinite variety of expressions which, whilst having in themselves no likeness to what is in our mind, allow us to disclose to others its whole secret, and to make known to those who cannot penetrate it all that we imagine, and all the various stirrings of our soul'. This was how, in 1660, the renowned French grammarians of the Port-Royal abbey near Versailles distilled the essence of language, and no one since has celebrated more eloquently the magnitude of its achievement. Even so, there is just one flaw in all these hymns of praise, for the homage to language's unique accomplishment conceals a simple yet critical incongruity. Language is mankind's greatest invention – except, of course, that it was never invented. This apparent paradox is at the core of our fascination with language, and it holds many of its secrets.
- C** Language often seems so skillfully drafted that one can hardly imagine it as anything other than the perfected handiwork of a master craftsman. How else could this instrument make so much out of barely three dozen measly morsels of sound? In themselves, these configurations of mouth – *p, f, b, v, t, d, k, g, sh, a, e* and so on – amount to nothing more than a few haphazard spits and splutters, random noises with no meaning, no ability to express, no power to explain. But run them through the cogs and wheels of the language machine, let it arrange them in some very special orders, and there is nothing that these meaningless streams of air cannot do: from sighing the interminable boredom of existence to unravelling the fundamental order of the universe.
- D** The most extraordinary thing about language, however, is that one doesn't have to be a genius to set its wheels in motion. The language machine allows just about everybody – from pre-modern foragers in the subtropical savannah, to post-modern philosophers in the suburban sprawl – to tie these meaningless sounds together into an infinite variety of subtle senses, and all apparently without the slightest exertion. Yet it is precisely this deceptive ease which makes language a victim of its own success, since in everyday life its triumphs are usually taken for granted. The wheels of language run so smoothly that one rarely bothers to stop and think about all the resourcefulness and expertise that must have gone into making it tick. Language conceals art.



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- E** Often, it is only the estrangement of foreign tongues, with their many exotic and outlandish features, that brings home the wonder of language's design. One of the showiest stunts that some languages can pull off is an ability to build up words of breath-breaking length, and thus express in one word what English takes a whole sentence to say. The Turkish word *şehirliştiremediklerimizdensiniz*, to take one example, means nothing less than 'you are one of those whom we can't turn into a town-dweller'. (In case you were wondering, this monstrosity really is one word, not merely many different words squashed together – most of its components cannot even stand up on their own.)
- F** And if that sounds like some one-off freak, then consider Sumerian, the language spoken on the banks of the Euphrates some 5,000 years ago by the people who invented writing and thus enabled the documentation of history. A Sumerian word like *munintuma'a* ('when he had made it suitable for her') might seem rather trim compared to the Turkish colossus above. What is so impressive about it, however, is not its lengthiness but rather the reverse – the thrifty compactness of its construction. The word is made up of different slots, each corresponding to a particular portion of meaning. This sleek design allows single sounds to convey useful information, and in fact even the absence of a sound has been enlisted to express something specific. If you were to ask which bit in the Sumerian word corresponds to the pronoun 'it' in the English translation 'when he had made it suitable for her', then the answer would have to be nothing. Mind you, a very particular kind of nothing: the nothing that stands in the empty slot in the middle. The technology is so fine-tuned then that even a non-sound, when carefully placed in a particular position, has been invested with a specific function. Who could possibly have come up with such a nifty contraption?

Questions 33–36

Complete the summary using the list of words, **A–G**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A–G**, in boxes 33–36 on your answer sheet.

### The importance of language

The wheel is one invention that has had a major impact on **33** ..... aspects of life, but no impact has been as **34** ..... as that of language. Language is very **35** ..... , yet composed of just a small number of sounds.

Language appears to be **36** ..... to use. However, its sophistication is often overlooked.

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A</b> difficult   | <b>B</b> complex  | <b>C</b> original |
| <b>D</b> admired     | <b>E</b> material | <b>F</b> easy     |
| <b>G</b> fundamental |                   |                   |

Questions 37–40

## PREDICTING

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer in Reading Passage 3?

In boxes 37–40 on your answer sheet, write

- YES** if the statement agrees with the views of the writer  
**NO** if the statement contradicts the views of the writer  
**NOT GIVEN** if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

- 37** Human beings might have achieved their present position without language.  
**38** The Port-Royal grammarians did justice to the nature of language.  
**39** A complex idea can be explained more clearly in a sentence than in a single word.  
**40** The Sumerians were responsible for starting the recording of events.



**WRITING****WRITING TASK 1**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

*The table below shows the numbers of visitors to Ashdown Museum during the year before and the year after it was refurbished. The charts show the result of surveys asking visitors how satisfied they were with their visit, during the same two periods.*

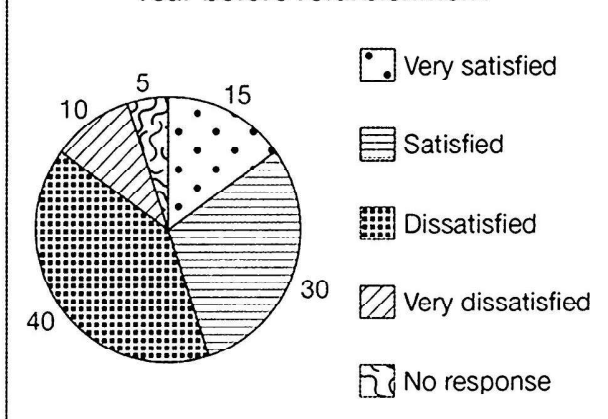
*Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.*

Write at least 150 words.

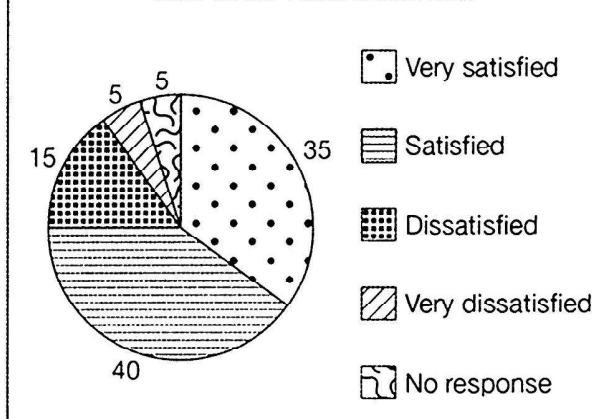
Total number of visitors to Ashdown Museum	
During the year before refurbishment:	74,000
During the year after refurbishment:	92,000

### Results of surveys of visitor satisfaction

**Year before refurbishment**



**Year after refurbishment**



## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***Many governments think that economic progress is their most important goal. Some people, however, think that other types of progress are equally important for a country.***

***Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.***

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

**SPEAKING****PART 1**

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

**EXAMPLE****Names**

- How did your parents choose your name(s)?
- Does your name have any special meaning?
- Is your name common or unusual in your country?
- If you could change your name, would you? [Why/Why not?]

**PART 2**

**Describe a TV documentary you watched that was particularly interesting.**

**You should say:**

**what the documentary was about  
why you decided to watch it  
what you learnt during the documentary  
and explain why the TV documentary was particularly interesting.**

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

**PART 3****Discussion topics:****Different types of TV programmes****Example questions:**

What are the most popular kinds of TV programmes in your country? Why is this?

Do you think there are too many game shows on TV nowadays? Why?

Do you think TV is the main way for people to get the news in your country? What other ways are there?

**TV advertising****Example questions:**

What types of products are advertised most often on TV?

Do you think that people pay attention to adverts on TV? Why do you think that is?

How important are regulations on TV advertising?